

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)
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LePage et al.) Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
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Application Number: 09/769,736) Examiner: To Be Assigned
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Filed: January 26, 2001)
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For: Nucleic Acids and Proteins from Group B Streptococcus

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

ATTN: BOX PCT
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for responding to the Notice of Missing Requirements mailed November 1, 2001 in the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, the period for response is extended to run until **February 1, 2002.**

In response to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) Notice of Missing Requirements mailed November 1, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, basic filing fee, excess claims fee, multiple dependent claims fee, and surcharge for late filing for the above-captioned patent application. A Small Entity Statement is also enclosed.

The filing fees are, therefore, calculated as follows:

Basic Filing Fee	370.00
Excess dependent claim fee	45.00
Excess independent claim fee	210.00
Multiple dependent claim fee	140.00
Late Filing Surcharge	65.00
One-Month Extension of Time	<u>55.00</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ 885.00

A check in the amount of **\$885.00** is enclosed to cover the one-month extension of time, basic filing fee, excess claims fee, and multiple dependent claims fee, and late filing. In the event any variance exists between the amount authorized and the Patent Office fees, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

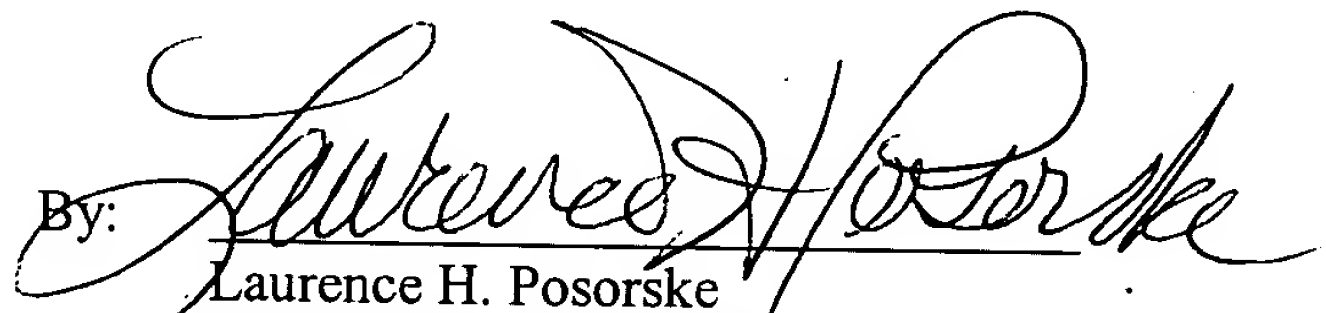
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